

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-28 were originally filed in this application. In a preliminary amendment, claims 1-28 were canceled without prejudice, and claims 29-77 were added. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 29, 33, 40-44, 47, and 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,147,129, and claims 30-32, 34-39, 45, 46, and 49-77\* were indicated to be allowable, if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the present response, claims 33, 40-44, 47, and 48 have been canceled, claims 30-32, 34, 36, 37, 39, 45, 46, 49, 53, 57-60, 62, 63, 68, and 73-76 have been amended, and new claim 78 has been added. Accordingly, claims 30-32, 34-39, 45, 46, and 49-78 are pending and at issue.

Claims 30-32, 34, 36, 37, 39, 45, 46, 49, 53, 62, 63, 68, and 73-76 have been amended thereby rewriting claims 30-32, 34-39, 45, 46, and 49-77 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 30-32, 34-39, 45, 46, and 49-77 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 57-60 were amended, and claim 78 was added to provide a proper antecedent bases for "a heating device." More specifically, claims 57-60 recited "said heating device" and depended from claims that did not recite "a heating device." Accordingly, claim 78 reciting "a heating device" was added, and claims 57-60 were amended to depend from claim 78.

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\* In the present Office Action only claims 29-75 were addressed, when in fact claims 29-77 were pending in the case. After contacting the examiner, it was realized that claims 76 and 77 were inadvertently missed and were, therefore, not addressed in the Office Action. In a telephone conversation with the examiner, it was determined that claims 76 and 77 were indicated to be allowable, if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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An additional fee of \$1,376.00 is submitted herewith to cover the additional 16 independent claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855 of the undersigned's firm.

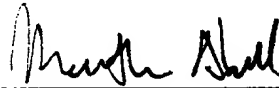
In light of the foregoing, the prompt issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the examiner have any questions, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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